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Summary Information

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Historical Note

The National Road, the country's first interstate highway, ran from Cumberland, Maryland, to Vandalia, Illinois. The first section as far as Wheeling, Virginia (now West Virginia), was the Cumberland Road which opened in 1818. Construction of the road ceased in 1839, leaving much of the route unfinished in Indiana and Illinois, before its construction was transferred to the states. The National Road ran east-west through Richmond, Indianapolis, and Terre Haute, Indiana roughly along the modern U.S. 40, although it originally aligned with East and West Washington streets, while the modern U.S. 40 is routed along I-465 in Indianapolis.

Sources:

Items in the collection.

Indiana National Road Association. "Promoting the National Road Since 1994!" Last updated March 24, 2016. Accessed April 14, 2016. <http://www.indiananationalroad.org/about.html>.

U.S. Department of Transportation. Federal Highway Administration. "Historic National Road." America's Byways. Accessed April 14, 2016. <http://www.fhwa.dot.gov/byways/byways/2278>.

U.S. Department of Transportation. Federal Highway Administration, and Rickie Longfellow. "Back in Time: The National Road." Accessed April 14, 2016. <https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/infrastructure/back0103.cfm>.

Scope and Contents

This collection includes Indiana General Assembly documentation from the 27th Congress in 1842 and the 28th Congress in 1844 regarding the financing of the National Road (also known as the Cumberland Road). Each document requests money for the National Road. The three items are: (1) January 7, 1842, Doc. No. 35, Cumberland Road Memorial from the Legislature of Indiana; (2) February 19, 1844, Doc. No. 129, Bridges on the Cumberland Road, Joint Resolution of the General Assembly of Indiana; and (3) February 19, 1844, Doc. No. 143, Resolutions of the Legislature of Indiana.

Arrangement

This collection is arranged chronologically.

Administrative Information

Publication Information

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Processing Information

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Related Materials

Related Archival Material

Materials relating to this collection may be found in the following collections in Rare Books and Manuscripts, Indiana State Library, Indianapolis, IN:

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Controlled Access Headings

Geographic Name(s)

- Cumberland Road

Subject(s)

- Indiana--Transportation--Roads
- Legislation--Indiana
- Roads
- Roads--Indiana